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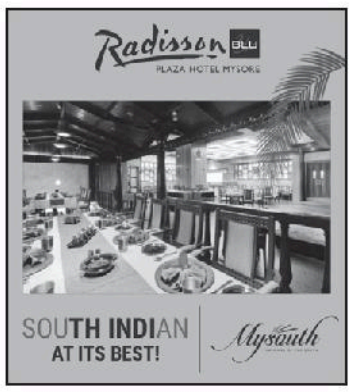


Hale Unduwadi drinking water project cost escalates

MUDA to release Rs. 208 cr. in phases

Chairman Yashaswi S. Somashekar chairing the meeting of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority at MUDA Office on JLB Road yesterday as DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, MLCs and officers look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&BCT)- Even as the physical works of the ambitious Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project aimed at supplying drinking water to Mysuru city and 92 villages around it is under progress, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has decided to pump in money for the speedy completion of the project.

At the monthly MUDA meeting held yesterday under the chairmanship of MUDA Chairman Yashaswi S. Somashekar, it was decided to release money — MUDA contribution — as the project cost is seeing huge escalation even as the works are under rapid progress.

(See MUDA on page 7)

After CFTRI, leopard scare at Akashvani

Forest Department says it is a civet cat

Forest Department staff clearing shrubs at Akashvani premises in city this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&KS)- Tension prevailed at Akashvani premises in Yadavagiri this morning after an All India Radio (AIR) employee spotted an animal and claimed it to be a leopard.

The employee, who went near the generator room on the Akashvani campus between 5.45 am and 6 am, saw a spotted animal pass by and felt that it could be a leopard that was on the prowl inside the nearby CFTRI campus a couple of days back. He rushed inside the building and immediately informed the Forest Department officials.

(See LEOPARD on page 7)

Naming Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

'Cauvery Expressway' will be a befitting name: Pratap Simha

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (BCT)- With the issue of naming of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway coming to the forefront. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has reiterated his earlier opinion that the Expressway be named as 'Cauvery Expressway'. The Highway is scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by February end.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the MP said that he has already proposed the name of Nalwadi Wadiyar to the Mysore Airport which will grow into an international Airport in a few years.

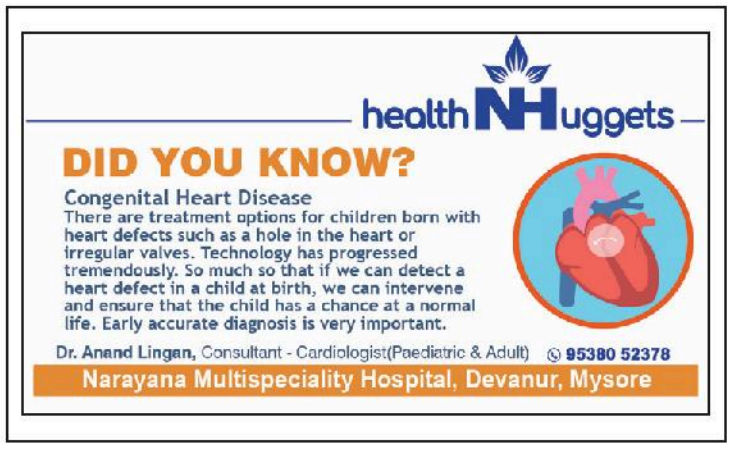
Simha was reacting to the reports about former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and MLCs Madhu Madegowda and Dinesh Gooligowda writing to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to name the Highway as 'Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Expressway'.

"I suggested the name 'Cauvery Expressway' as the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) already has the name of Nalwadi Wadiyar. I had also got one Mysuru-Bengaluru Express train named after Wadiyar. Also, the Expressways constructed or under construction in the country are named after sacred rivers — like the Yamuna Expressway and the Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh and Narmada Expressway in Madhya Pradesh — as rivers have shaped history, culture, traditions and faith in our country weaving their way across the country giving life, hope and salvation all at once," Simha added.

Pratap Simha told *Star of Mysore* that he too had written to Nitin Gadkari in this regard.

"The benefits of this Expressway are multi-dimensional with economic growth, social inclusion and empowerment and environmental conservation. River Cauvery, taking birth in Kodagu, Karnataka, too has boosted the economic growth of the region and it will continue to do so for all generations to come. Therefore, I strongly feel that naming the Highway as 'Cauvery Expressway' will be more appropriate," he said.

Anyway, apart from KRS and Airport, a train connecting Mysuru-Bengaluru has already been named 'Wodeyar Express' in recognition of the contribution of Wadiyars to the development of the region, he said. Why then the same name "Wadiyar for this Expressway connecting Mysuru-Bengaluru?, he reasoned.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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 8th January 2023

State-level Athletics Meet in city from Jan. 31

DC directs officials to provide all facilities to students

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has said that a State-level Athletics Meet 2022-23 will be held in city and directed the Deputy Director of Public Instructions (DDPI) to provide all facilities to sportspersons and make proper arrangements to make the event a success.

He was speaking at a preliminary meeting held in this connection at DC Office recently.

"This is the first State-level sports meet that is being held in Mysuru post-COVID and it is being held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium for four days from Jan.31. Provide all facilities to the participants keeping in view of their health and safety," he said.

Dr. Rajendra asked the authorities to provide good lodging facilities to every student and transport facility from his/her place of lodging to the stadium. "Depute three officials to be incharge of the sportspersons of every district and they should take full responsibility of the participants till the sports meet is over. Also make arrangements to take outside sportspersons around a few places in the city. Provide mobile toilets and Police security at the stadium. Medical facilities consisting of a team of Doctors and other paramedical staff along with an ambulance should also be ready at the stadium," added the DC.

DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs, who spoke at the meeting, said that the competitions will be held for Primary and High School level and 4,608 students will participate. The participants will report to authorities on Jan.30 and the competitions will be held from Jan.31 to Feb.3.

There will be 10 events for Primary students and 19 for High School, he added.

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad and other officials of Education Department were present at the meeting.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The 108th Indian Science Congress, currently being held in Nagpur, has as its core theme "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment." Some ideas which are important for the country have been linked in this theme, and the linkage can be mutually supportive for all of them. Science and technology can boost development and if it has to be meaningful, it has to involve women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined the need for scientific development to make the country 'atmanirbhar.' He emphasised the importance of technology in aiding development and the need to attach value to traditional knowledge along with modern knowledge. He also said that women have showcased their strength in businesses and small industries and their participation in the field of extramural research (research funded by a source other than a University) and development has doubled. The Prime Minister reiterated that "the efforts of science can turn into significant achievements only when they reach from 'lab to land' and when their impact is from 'global levels to grassroots'."

The focus on women is also important, and so the highlighting of the achievements of women scientists and young innovators can be encouraging and inspiring. But the empowerment of women through science can only be part of the general empowerment of women in society. That still faces challenges in terms of education, opportunities, safety, and social attitudes. Jamborees, declarations, and claims do not take science forward. There should be the right attitude, right policies, and sincere efforts for that. — *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Congolese artist paints politicians' portraits in plastic

Congo: Near the banks of Lake Kivu in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, artist Patrick Cikuru Cirimwami wades knee-deep through a mountain of plastic bottles, scooping as many as he can carry into a large sack. There is no public waste collection in the area, and the trash that ends up in Lake Kivu often causes breakdowns in the hydroelectric plant, leading to power cuts.

But Cikuru Cirimwami's goal is bigger than helping clean up. Later he will melt down the plastic to make a thick liquid which he uses to paint portraits of politicians - intended to be a condemnation of what he says is their inaction in protecting the environment. "There have been many conferences in DR Congo, many meetings ... but we have not taken measures to protect nature. As a Congolese artist, I can send a message," said the 26-year-old.

A record duck gathering

Michigan: What appeared to be a developing oil spill in the Mackinac Straits region of Michigan was actually a gigantic swarm of tens of thousands of ducks and other waterfowl.

Divers who were worried about a potential oil spill began calling the Mackinac Bridge Authority on Dec. 21 of last year. The number of calls about the oil spill increased as time went on, which was to be expected given that the black mass that had gathered on the water appeared to be expanding. But instead of oil, there was a record-breaking swarm of Redhead ducks. Near 7,000 of them were first congregated there, according to the authorities, under and around the Mackinac Bridge. Since then, their population has increased, and the "oil spill" currently consists of several tens of thousands of birds.

Authorities repeatedly assured worried callers that the oil slicks they were trying to report were just an abnormally big flock of birds, but many of them didn't seem persuaded. From a distance the black mass does appear extremely different.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Facial Cosmetics have to be washed at least with plain water at night. This reduces allergy. Nail cosmetics to be removed once weekly

By Dr. Jayanth D. P. - Consultant – Dermatology And Cosmetology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS Medical College launches Family Adoption Programme at Hanchya

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The Department of Community Medicine, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, has launched the Family Adoption Programme in Hanchya village of Mysuru district, where MBBS students were allotted families.

The students will follow these families throughout their course and keep a tab on their health and disease status and give them necessary recommendations. The logbook for the Family Adoption Programme was also released on the occasion.

Dr. D. Sunil Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine of the College, advised the gathering regarding the need for the Family Adoption Programme in the rural setup amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

He briefed about the adoption programme where each of the first year MBBS students were allotted two houses at Hanchya village to know regarding the health status of the rural population and to provide health education, awareness, primary health care and referral services at their doorstep.

Taluk Health Officer Dr. Rajeshwari was enlightened to see first year MBBS students actively taking part in the family adoption programme. She emphasised on the importance of rural health services as a curriculum for undergraduate students.

Medical Officer of Hanchya PHC Dr. Ravindra spoke on the need for primary health care services which they do on day-to-day basis for the rural population along with the help of Health Officers, ANMs, ASHA workers and other field workers.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Amoghashree and Dr. S. Rashmi, Senior Residents, Dr. Nagendra, Medicosocial worker, along with Post-graduates and Health workers of the Department of Community Medicine, JSS Medical College, Mysuru.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Running of Vande Bharat and Shatabdi trains: Suggestion

Sir,

This refers to the running of Vande Bharat and Shatabdi trains between Mysuru (MYS) and MGR Chennai Central (MAS), as below:

1. Train No. 20607 Vande Bharat leaves MAS at 05.50 am, reaches MYS at 12.20 pm. In the return, Train No. 20608 leaves MYS at 13.05 pm and reaches MAS at 19.30 pm.

2. Train No 12007 Shatabdi leaves MAS at 06.00 am and reaches MYS at 13.00pm. In the return journey, Train No. 12008 leaves MYS at 14.15 pm to reach MAS at 21.30 pm.

As seen, both the trains are travelling in the same direction with a few minutes gap. This results in stoppage of a few trains moving in the same direction for 30 minutes to 1 hour at intermediate stations.

Can Railways see that one train starts from MYS and the other train from MAS? Moreover as both trains do not operate on Wednesday, can the rest day for these trains be staggered?

On behalf of the rail users, I request the Railway Ministry and the South Western Railway (SWR) to look into this and do the necessary changes in the larger interest of the train travellers.

—A.V. Prasanna

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Mysuru Bishop Rev. K.A. William on long leave

New administrator appointed for Mysore Diocese

***Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Bernard Moras** (left) being greeted by Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William and Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Antony K. Vazhapilly at St. Philomena's Church last evening.*

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (GA&KS)- Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William has gone on a long leave and Archbishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Bangalore, Most Rev. Bernard Moras, has been appointed as the Administrator of the Diocese of Mysore in his absence.

According to a press release from Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Public Relations Officer of Diocese of Mysore, Bishop K.A. William will be absent from the Diocese from Jan. 8, 2023 and Dr .Bernard Moras is appointed for the "Ordinary administration and Pastoral care" of Diocese of Mysore. During his absence, he (Bishop William) will be taking care of his health.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Bernard Moras took charge as the Administrator of Mysore Dioceses in the presence of Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Antony K. Vazhapilly during the Mass at St. Philomena's Church yesterday evening.

Bishop K.A. William said that he was going on leave and hence Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Bernard Moras has been appointed as the Administrator to guide the Mysore Diocese forward and sought the co-operation of the congregation.

Most Rev. Bernard Moras, speaking after taking charge as the Administrator, said that he took the responsibility during the Mass not to exercise powers but to serve the people and asked the Church congregation to pray for the good health of Bishop William. Bishop William, a Mysurean, was ordained Bishop on Feb. 27, 2017.

Preliminary meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (SSM)- The Kannada and Culture Department will be holding a preliminary meeting tomorrow (Jan. 9) at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office in city to discuss the celebration of various Jayanthis in the month of January. The meeting will be chaired by ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy.

Discussion on Mahayogi Vemana Jayanthi will be at 10.30 am and about Sri Shivayogi Siddeshwara Jayanthi at 11 am, according to Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

ISKCON Mysuru hosts grand Krishna-Balarama Ratha Yatra

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (GA&SSM)- The 25th Sri Krishna-Balarama Ratha Yatra was organised in a grand manner by International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Temple in Jayanagar in city yesterday. Lord Sri Krishna and Balarama idols were placed in a colourfully decorated 35 ft. Ratha.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar flagged-off the Ratha Yatra from KoteAnjaneyaswamy Temple (Palace North Gate) by cleaning the Yatra path.

Mangala Vadya, Sankeerthane by ISKCON devotees accompanied the 'Ratha Yatra' which passed through Chamarajendra Circle, Gandhi Square, Sayyaji Rao Road, Dufferin Clock Tower, K.R. Circle, Devaraj Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, JLB Road, RTO Circle, Ballal Circle and New Kantha Raj Urs Road before reaching ISKCON Temple in Jayanagar 18th Cross.

Over 30,000 devotees participated in the Yatra chanting 'Hare Rama... Hare Krishna.'

Former MLC G. Madhusudan, ISKCON Foundation Bengaluru and the Akshaya Patra Foundation Vice-President Chanchalapathi Dasa, ISKCON Mysuru Foundation President Stoka Krishan Swamy, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Mirle Srinivas Gowda and others were present.

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Nattuvanga Workshop at Music University

Sandesh Bhargav

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, as a part of NEP, is conducting Skill Enhancement Academic Programme on Jan. 9 and 10 between 10 am and 1 at its campus on JLB Road. The Department of Bharatanatyam has organised Nattuvanga Workshop by Sandesh Bhargav, well-known artiste and Nattuvangist.

Interested candidates can contact the Department Co-ordinator Dr. Bhuvaneshwari on Mob: 98453-28355 or Nayana Shivaram on 78923-72389.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 9) between 10 am and 4 pm in the following areas: Jayanagar 1st Cross to 20th Cross, Jayanagar K Block, Chennagirikoppal, Chikkaharadanahalli, Shivaram Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage and surrounding areas, according to a release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru Jilla Gangamathasthara Sangha, having office at No.17-3, Sonar Street, Chamaraja Mohalla, has invited applications from meritorious students of the community and its sub-sects (Gangamatha, Bestha, Mogaveera, Koli, Kabbaliga, Garvi, Boyi, Baraki, Sunnagara), who have scored over 80 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2021-22) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. For details, contact Mob: 63612-40538.

Mass marriage at Suttur on Jan. 19

As part of Suttur Jatra (Jan.18 to 23), the Suttur Jatra Mahotsava Samiti will be conducting a free mass marriage at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk on Jan.19. The interested prospective brides and bridegrooms can register along with required documents at the Jatra Mahotsava office in JSS Mahavidyapeetha premises, Mysuru, before Jan.12. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2548212/122, or Mob: 94486-74702 or 97413-42222, according to a press release.

JD(S) 'Pancharatna Yatra' getting huge public response: GTD

Yatra to enter Mysuru district in March ahead of Assembly elections

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&DM)-Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has maintained that the JD(S) *Pancharatna Yatra* under the leadership of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) is getting huge public response everywhere in the State.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Friday, GTD said that the *Yatra* is the answer to those who are questioning the identity of JD(S) in the State. He said that HDK is going through this *Yatra* with total determination and commitment to bring the JD(S) to power in the State in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Noting that the *Yatra* has already covered 45 Assembly segments, he said that the *Yatra* will be taken out in Mysuru district in March ahead of the Assembly polls.

Asserting that the people are looking at JD(S) with a lot of hope, GTD said that the people of the State have seen the rule of the two National parties (BJP and Congress). Now they are seeing the JD(S) as a party of hope for good governance and deliverance, he said while reiterating that the party has received massive public support in several Assembly segments. He further said that the party will grow from strength to strength as the *Yatra* progresses.

Continuing, GTD said that he would extensively tour the district after *Sankranti* (Jan. 15) for further strengthening the party. The party will announce the names of candidates in the three remaining Assembly segments of the district (H.D. Kote, NR and Nanjangud) soon.

Referring to former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's remarks against Chief Minister Bommai, he said that it was wrong on the part of the senior Congress leader to have used such a language to target the Chief Minister.

Pointing out that Siddharamaiah is a responsible politician, he opined that the former Chief Minister should be cautious while issuing statements in the future.

Party leaders Hinkal Rajanna, Kotehundi Mahadeva, Hootagalli Suresh, Shivamurthy and Srirampura Suresh were present at the press meet.

Department order to benefit 53,000 properties: MLA

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&BS)-Chamundeshwari Constituency's JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has welcomed the recent notification of **Urban Development (UD)** Department to issue khata for the properties under 3A, that were hitherto not considered for availing the benefit, after the upgradation of Gram Panchayats (GPs) as Town Panchayats (TPs) and City Municipal Councils (CMCs) in the State. With this, a whopping 53,853 such properties from 103 layouts coming under various Local Bodies in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency in Mysuru district will also be benefited, he said.

Addressing media persons in the city on Friday, GTD appealed to such property holders to wait till Feb. 1 to avail the benefit, as it requires 20 days to facilitate the said procedures through E-AASTHI software. With the issuing of the khata, such property holders can avail bank loan, licence and plan approval for construction works.

Claiming that he had raised the issue in the Legislative Assembly by bringing the discrepancies to the notice of the Government, GTD said, "Following this, the Government had formed a Cabinet Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Urban Development Minister Byrati Basavaraj, which also had Municipal Administration Minister MTB Nagaraj, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy, Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari, Secretary to Urban Development Department Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan and Director of Municipal Administration K.C. Manjushree."

The Sub-Committee went into the loopholes and rectified the discrepancies, following which the Urban Development Department issued a notification on Jan. 2, 2023 to issue khata under Form-3 after classifying the properties as legal and illegal. It will benefit the properties coming under 61 City Municipal Councils, 124 Town Municipal Councils and 114 Town Panchayats in the State.

In Chamundeshwari Constituency alone, there are 53,853 such properties including 17,879 from 25 layouts in Hootagalli CMC, 16,026 properties from 22 layouts in Bogadi Town Panchayat, 6,868 properties from 17 layouts in Srirampura Town Panchayat, 6,660 properties from 19 layouts in Rammanahalli TP and 6,420 properties in 20 layouts coming under Kadakola TP.

Earlier, the GPs were issuing the khatas under legally valid and invalid properties as 9 & 11A khata and 9 & 11B khata classification respectively.

'Higher Education must be freed from Governor, Government interference'

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&BS)-Former Education Minister Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar has demanded that to ensure quality of higher education, it should be freed from the clutches of Government and the Governor.

Chandrashekar told media persons at Jaladarshini Guest House on Friday, "It has become inevitable to infuse quality to higher education. It can be ensured only when the intervention of top echelons is curtailed, as there is an increase in the instances of intervention both by the Government and the Governor."

Most of the Governors lack knowledge about higher education but prefer to meddle with by virtue of holding gubernatorial post. It is improper, so also of the Government which interferes in the matter of higher education. It has led to decline in the quality of higher education, which is not just during the tenure of BJP Government but during the period of all the Governments, rued Chandrashekar. Hence, the anomalies should be rectified and higher education should be strengthened, he suggested.

A Search Committee is constituted with regard to the appointment of Vice-Chancellors to Universities. The Committee vets into the applications received and recommends the names of three to the Governor, who his vested with power to select one among them for the post.

"I won't believe that the best of VCs can be selected in such a process," said Chandrashekar, who endorsed the allegations levelled by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha who had charged that Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 6 crore is fixed for the post.

To curb corruption in the process of appointment of VCs, the Search Committee should comprise the heads of reputed institutions like Indian Institute of Science (IIsc), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), to name a few. The chances of succumbing to political pressure in such a case is less and it will be largely helpful in naming best VCs to Varsities, felt Chandrashekar.

There have been conflicts between the Governor and Government in the States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi and West Bengal, which have non-BJP Governments. The Governor there is trying to poke his nose in each and every affairs, proving a hurdle in the smooth running of the Government, said Chandrashekar.

Mysuru District Congress Rural Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy and Media Spokesman Mahesh were present at the press meet.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	118.60	feet
Friday	:	118.62	feet
Inflow	:	822	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,189	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.85	feet
Inflow	:	414	cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil	

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,828.46	feet
Inflow	:	118	cusecs
Outflow	:	70	cusecs

Mystery shrouds death of man, kin

Bodies of 28-year-old Manikanta and his relative 30-year-old Vasantha found in Kapila River at T. Narasipur

T. Narasipur, Jan. 8 (BS)- Mystery shrouds the death of a 28-year-old man and his relative, whose bodies were found in Kapila river here on Saturday. While it is suspected to be a suicide pact, a relative of the deceased has suspected something fishy behind the deaths.

Manikanta

Vasantha

Manikanta (28) a native of Lakkur village in Chamarajanagar district, who was residing at Jayadevanagar in Mysuru city and his relative Vasantha (30) of Halahalli in Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district are the deceased persons.

Manikanta, who was working at a private firm had married K. Jyoti of Honnur in Yalandur taluk in Chamarajanagar. She is employed at L&T Company. While another deceased Vasantha had married Shivamurthy of Koodlapura in Nanjangud taluk, but owing to differences among them, they were staying separately for the past two years. Vasantha was working at ITC Company and was staying at a rented room in Banchallihundi in Nanjangud taluk.

On Jan. 5, Manikanta took Vasantha to his house in Mysuru and told his wife that she had come in search of job and will be staying here. On Jan. 6 at 9 am, Manikanta told his wife that he will be taking Vasantha for interview at a garment factory, on his two-wheeler.

At around 3 pm, Manikanta called Jyoti over mobile and told her about the police intercepting them and seizing the two-wheeler. He insisted her to transfer money through Google Pay, but she refused to do so.

Jyoti received a photo of her husband Manikanta and Vasantha at Balamuri on her WhatsApp. Even as she was in haze over the dramatic developments, a stranger called her from her husband's mobile and demanded money, blackmailing that he will be sharing the photo (of Manikanta and Vasantha) on social networking site, if she did not pay heed to it. When Jyoti asked the stranger to hand over the phone to her husband, the stranger disconnected the call.

Perplexed Jyoti rushed home at around 4.30 pm only to find that her earring and finger ring were missing. She called her husband again who promised to return home after half-an-hour. When she called him again, he confessed to have cheated on her and told that he won't return home, before disconnecting the call. When Jyoti repeatedly called her husband over phone, the latter didn't respond.

When Jyoti called again at midnight 12, Police received the call and told her about a motorbike and two cell phones found abandoned on Kabini bridge across Kapila river. She rushed to the spot, after which the Police with the help of divers retrieved their bodies.

Following a complaint by Jyoti who has expressed doubts over the possibilities of suicide, T. Narasipur Police have registered a case and are investigating further.

T. Narasipur PSI Tirumallesh visited the spot.

Row over play: Samiti plans to besiege Rangayana on Jan. 10

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&BS)- Even as Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa has cleared the air over controversy surrounding the staging of the play 'Sambashiva Prahasana' at Rangayana recently, Swabhimani Horata Samiti has resolved to lay siege to the repertory in the city on Jan.10.

It is alleged that while staging the play, there were references to former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and KPCC President D. K. Shivakumar and both the leaders were depicted badly.

Representatives of various organisations like dalit, backward classes and progressives, who met at Town Hall here on Saturday, under the banner of the Samiti, decided to stage a symbolic protest, as Rangayana is disturbing peace in the society by indulging in the character assassination of several individuals.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah alleged that the rationalists had a role behind depicting Siddharamaiah in a poor light. "They have enforced their opinions in the form of the roles in the play, belittling the contributions of a leader like Siddharamaiah who introduced various schemes like — Anna Bhagya, Ksheera Bhagya among others for the benefit of the poor and downtrodden irrespective of caste and creed," he said.

KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana said, "A protest meeting will be held on Jan. 10 at 11 am at the Oval Ground opposite Crawford Hall, before taking out a procession to Rangayana to besiege the premises. We will also ensure that no ruckus will be created during the protest."

Obituary

Fazida Begum

Mysuru, Jan. 8 - Fazida Begum (60), wife of Ibrahim Khan, a cotton merchant and a resident of No. 453,1st Main in Rajivnagar 1st Stage, passed away following brief illness this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons including Abrar Ahmed Khan, a social worker, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Zohar (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Y. Krishnamurthy

Y. Krishnamurthy (89), a retired officer of the State Adult Education Council and a resident of Covai Tapovan Solace at Sharadadevinagar, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness. He has also undergone training at Denmark in Modern Dairy and Poultry products which were implemented at Shivaragudda near Mysuru besides serving in various Vidyapeetas run by the Council.

His wife late Saroja was a social worker in the Congress Party and had predeceased him a couple of years ago.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today, according to family sources.

Guest lecturers call off stir after acting VC's promise

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (SPN&BS)-Following an assurance from acting Vice-Chancellor (VC) of University of Mysore (UoM) Prof. H. Rajashekar to fulfil the demands, the guest lecturers of the Varsity who were on an indefinite strike called it off on the fourth day of the protest on Saturday.

Boycotting their work, hundreds of guest lecturers were on strike under the aegis of Mysore VV Atiti Upanyasakara Balaga (Association of Guest Lecturers of UoM) since Wednesday (Jan. 4) staging a sit-in demonstration in front of Kuvempu statue at the main entrance of Manasagangothri, the PG campus of the varsity. They were demanding for the implementation of revised pay scale along with several other facilities.

The acting VC chaired a meeting at the Crawford Hall, which was attended by various leaders including legislators and others, where it was eventually decided to address the demands raised by the said agitators.

MLA N. Mahesh who also attended the meeting said, "The University of Mysore Syndicate had ratified the decision to pay in compliance with the revised band, at its meeting held six months ago. However, the Higher Education Department had stalled the order citing technical reasons. The Department officials were wary over the possibilities of guest faculty in other Varsities seeking similar pay, if the decision of University of Mysore was considered, as it will have a cascading effect on the State's exchequer".

Hence, the Varsity had formed a sub-committee involving its Finance Officer and Syndicate members six months ago. Even the sub-committee had made similar recommendations.

Mahesh added that the acting VC finally consented to effect the decision on revised pay, after he was convinced over mobilising the resources, along with the Registrar and Finance Officer, to check the possible burden on the State's coffers.

A delegation of elected representatives from this part of the region will be apprising the Higher Education Department Officials over the outcome of the meeting. On the other hand, the acting VC will also be writing to the Government and bring to the notice, the impact on academic activities due to the protest.

Registrar V. R. Shylaja, Registrar (Examination) Prof. Gnana Prakash, Finance Officer Gajanana Bhat, guest lecturers Dr. Girish, Dr. Chandrashekar, Dr. Manohar, Dr. Vijayaraju, Dr. Sridhar, Dr. Sowjanya and Dr. Chaitra attended the meeting.

Speeding vehicle kills leopard on Ring Road

Mysuru, Jan. 8- A leopard which has sustained serious injuries after a car had hit it on the Service Road near Uttanahalli Ring Road junction in the wee hours of Saturday, has succumbed to injuries.

Alanahalli Police, who were conducting their regular beat rushed to the spot, where the injured leopard was lying and prevented passersby from venturing close to the injured leopard.

The Forest Department personnel, who rushed to the spot, shifted the injured leopard to Mysuru Zoo for treatment, but the leopard succumbed to injuries at about 5 am. Post-mortem was conducted at about 10 am and the carcass was cremated as per the Forest Department procedure.

Techie ends life

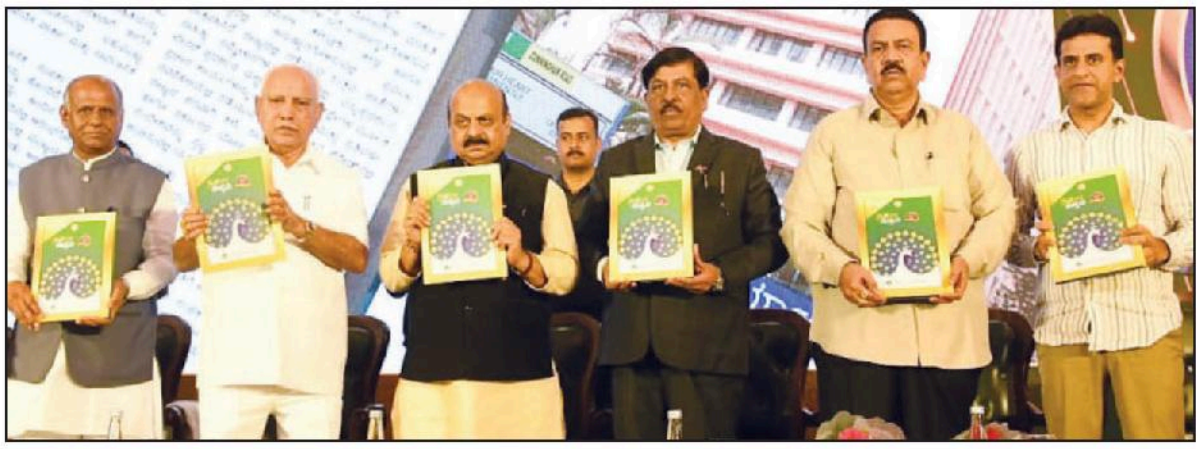
Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MK&KS)- A 25-year-old Software Engineer, who was working from home, has reportedly committed suicide at his rented house near Sankranti Circle at Hebbal in city.

The deceased is Yatish, a native of Nanjangud. He ended his life by hanging self at the room. The reason for him to take the extreme step is yet to be known.

Hebbal Police who have registered a case are investigating.

Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising Ltd. celebrates Golden Jubilee

Compete with private companies using latest technology, suggests Bommai



Bengaluru, Jan. 8 (Agencies)- "Use latest technology to the maximum level possible to improve your creativity and give stiff completion to private companies," suggested Chief Minister Basavaj Bommai.

He was speaking at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising (KSMCA) Limited at a private hotel in Bengaluru yesterday.

Lauding KSMCA, the CM said: "A Government institute doing commercial business is a big challenge. Despite several restrictions, it is giving stiff competition to private companies, which is a matter of pride."

Pointing out that private sector exploded after liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation in 1991, the CM said that KSMCA has competed not only with private players in the State but has withstood competition from other States in giving publicity to Government programmes and schemes.

It is not easy for the Government-run advertising limited to complete 50 years facing tough competition from private players. Several changes were witnessed in the State in different fields and despite this, KSMCA, growing by leaps and bounds by maintaining identity is a big achievement, he said.

Suggesting KSMCA to understand the pulse of people and modify the communication strategy accordingly, Bommai assured that their various demands will be fulfilled and recalled the significant marketing activities carried out by KSMCA. "I have got many creative advertisements prepared by KSMCA while I was the Water Resources Minister, Home Minister and Law & Parliamentary Affairs Minister in B.S. Yediyurappa Government. I expect a lot of creativity from you," he said.

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, who too spoke, said that the KSMCA, established in 1972, started with a transaction of a mere Rs. 78,747 and has witnessed tremendous growth with its 2022 transaction crossing Rs. 400 crore with branch offices in 13 districts headquarters across the State and two branches outside the State.

He recalled the significant marketing activities carried out by KSMCA and mentioned that Global Investors Meet was prominent as it attracted investments to the tune of more than Rs. 9 lakh crore. The Industries Minister launched a new logo of KSMCA and released a special postal cover on the occasion.

KSMCA Managing Director Siddalingappa B. Poojari, in his address, explained the activities and how KSMCA came through in the 50 years. He said that sites have been purchased to construct own buildings of KSMCA branches at Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Chitradurga and Mandya and added that tenders have been called for the construction of buildings at a few places.

KSMCA Chairman Karigowda, who too spoke, presented a memorandum containing the proposals for the development of KSMCA to the Chief Minister.

Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad presided. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddiyurappa, PWD Minister C.C. Patil, Commerce and Industries Department Additional Chief Secretary Dr. E.V. Ramana Reddy, Karnataka Circle Chief Post Master General S. Rajendra Kumar and others were present.

Reid & Taylor aims to produce more innovative brands, designs: Hardik Patel

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of erstwhile Mysore Royal family, who inaugurated the Silver Jubilee celebration of Reid & Taylor at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city this morning, is seen taking a look at the fabrics on display as *(from right)* ***Reid & Taylor Senior Vice-President (Sales and Marketing) Sachin Honmode, Chief Executive Officer Ajay Agarwal, Finquest Group Chairman Hardik Patel and his wife Shweta H. Patel look on.***

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&BS)- Chairman of Finquest Group Hardik Patel has said, "Reid & Taylor plans to reach more takers by augmenting the quality further, with innovative brands and designs in 2023."

Patel, who is participating in the silver jubilee fete of Reid & Taylor organised at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel here today, delved into the journey of the brand popular for its quality fabric, that was launched in India with the manufacturing unit set up at Nanjangud Industrial Area in Mysuru in the year 1998.

"The week-long celebration that began yesterday, is expecting 500 dealers, with 200 already in attendance. There are 2,500 employees and 2,000 business associates all over the country. On completing 25 years in the realm, the thrust is on enhancement of the quality", asserted Patel.

Earlier, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of erstwhile Mysore royal family inaugurated the celebration. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar was taken around the exhibits like branded shirts, pants, suitings and ready garments on display.

In her address, Pramoda Devi said: "I must confess that I have patronised a particular variety of material of this brand for the fall and feel of the fabric."

Pramoda Devi extended her hearty congratulations, besides being very happy to be a part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Hardik Patel's wife Shweta H. Patel released the latest catalogue of the year on the occasion.

Finquest Chief Executive Officer Ajay Agarwal, Reid & Taylor Senior Vice-President (Sales and Marketing) Sachin Honmode and others were present.

Visually impaired children to get all facilities: DC

Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that the District Administration was committed to providing necessary facilities for visually impaired children.

He was speaking after inaugurating World Braille Day celebration organised by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens at the Government School for the Blind in Tilaknagar here on Wednesday.

Pointing out that visually challenged children can directly complain about their grievances, if any, to the District Administration, the DC said that Louis Braille, the French educator who invented a reading and writing system for the blind, is a model to all the visually challenged on facing challenges and leading life.

Calling upon the visually challenged children to ignore their handicap and aim for achieving big in life, Dr. Rajendra said that they too can become a hope for the future generation by their contributions and services.

Earlier, the School children welcomed the DC by playing a band. School Superintendent Satish, Child Welfare Officer Manjula Patil, District Disabled Welfare Officer Malini, retired Disabled Welfare Officer Balaram and others were present.

BAI, MBCT felicitate toppers

The toppers, who were felicitated by Builders' Association of India (BAI) and Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) at MBCT Board Room in city recently, are seen with (sitting from left) V. Srinath, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysore Centre, R. Raghunath, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre, chief guest N.R. Ashok, Chief Consultant, ACE Technologies, Mysuru and guest of honour A.V. Sridhar, Managing Trustee of MBCT; (standing) S.K. Shreyams Kumar, T.S. Gurudatta and H.B. Ravi Rathnakar, all Shilpi Coordinators.

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Builders' Association of India (BAI) and Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) jointly felicitated toppers in Civil Engineering and Construction Technology and Management from various Engineering Colleges in and around Mysuru on Dec.22 at MBCT Board Room, Mysuru.

The programme commenced with the invocation by ATME College student M. Amrutha. R. Raghunath, Chairman, BAI, Mysore Centre, welcomed and gave a brief report about the activities of BAI. N.R. Ashok, Chief Consultant, ACE Technologies, Mysuru, was the chief guest. A.V. Sridhar, Managing Trustee of MBCT, was the guest of honour.

The 16 toppers from seven engineering Colleges were honoured for being first and second topper respectively from their Colleges. The dignitaries felicitated all the toppers with citation, mementoes.

The toppers include: Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) students R. Kruthika- 9.92 % and S. Kavya - 9.82 from Civil Engineering Department, S. Veena - 9.10 and K.N. Rohini - 9.04 from Construction Technology and Management Department, PESCE's Bibi Mishiba - 9.67 and T.R. Akash - 9.29, NIE's - B. Varshini - 9.25 and C. Thrupthi - 9.14, VVCE's - B. Sushma - 9.16 and Yashaswini - 8.6, MIT's K. Bhoomika - 9.1 and S.L. Punya - 8.88, ATMECE's M. Amrutha - 9.25 and M.K. Nayana - 9.01 and Government Engineering College K.R. Pet's - Sachin Naik - 9.67 and M.B.Suprita - 9.67.

V. Srinath, Hon. Secretary, BAI, Mysore Centre, proposed a vote of thanks. Shilpi Coordinators H.B. Ravi Rathnakar, S.K. Shreyams Kumar, T.S. Gurudatta, a few BAI members, faculties from all Engineering Colleges, toppers, parents and invitees were present on the occasion.

MUDA to release Rs. 208 crore

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Works are in full swing to complete the jackwell through which raw water will be drawn from the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam. From the jackwell, water will reach the Beechanakuppe treatment plant. Giant pipelines are being laid to draw water. The project aims to supply an initial demand of 150 MLD (Million Litres per Day) and 300 MLD in the entire project.

Raising the issue, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that if the MUDA and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) release funds, the project will see the light of the day soon and lakhs of people in Mysuru and around the city will be benefited greatly.

"Mysuru is growing rapidly and many rural areas are being joined to the city landscape with rapid development. In this situation, it will help a public benefit project like Hale Unduwadi if the MCC and MUDA contribute funds instead of only depending on the Government. The project will change the face of the drinking water scenario in Mysuru where half of the city and many villages in Mysuru Taluk will get drinking water for years to come," GTD opined.

Initially, it was decided to release Rs. 100 crore on behalf of MUDA. But as the cost of the project is escalating, the MUDA meeting decided to contribute Rs. 208 crore in stages. Other decisions taken at the meeting are to hand over 1.15 acres of land in Chamaraja Constituency to the Slum Board to construct houses for the Pourakarmikas of Kudure Mala of the Constituency.

MLAs L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda and Marithibbegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy and others were present in the meeting.

MUDA Adalat every month

A MUDA Adalat will be held every second and fourth Tuesday of every month starting from Jan. 10. The timings will be from 2 pm to 4 pm, based on the directive of MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar.

The Adalat will hear public grievances on all MUDA approvals and services and other public services that have been pending like land use information, alternative sites, pending compensation for land acquired, khata transfer, possession certificate, etc. However, no new applications for house sites will be received at the Adalat.

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Free health check-up camp

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (SSM)- The Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free check-up and treatment camp for patients with pre-diabetes and borderline diabetes at the Out Patient Department (Room Number 14) in the Hospital premises every Monday and Tuesday in the month of January.

Free ayurvedic medicines will be provided after screening.

For details, call Dr. Manasa Shetty on Mob: 88678-51004 between 9 am and 4 pm, according to a press release from the College Principal.

After CFTRI, leopard scare at Akashvani

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The Forest staff, led by Assistant Conservator of Forests Lakshmikanth rushed to the spot and conducted a combing operation. The Forest staff said that the Akashvani premises have small shrubs and the movement of any animal is visible.

While combing the area, however, neither the leopard nor its pug marks or scat were found, they said and added that the AIR employee could have seen a civet cat and mistook it to be a leopard. To remove any apprehensions, the Department staff cleared a few bushes and even levelled them off to the ground with a stick at some places.

Pointing out that the complaint cannot be ignored, a Forest official said that four cameras have been installed in vantage points and the footage would be monitored regularly. The cameras will be on the premises for four to five days, he added.

Meanwhile, the 10 cameras installed on the CFTRI campus have not captured any movement of leopards so far but have captured the movements of civet cats. The cage placed on the CFTRI campus will be kept there for another week and the footage of the cameras would be monitored, the Forest official said.

Naming of Expressway

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (also known as MyLAC) Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya has opined that the Expressway must be named 'Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Expressway'.

On MP Pratap Simha's proposal to name the Expressway after River Cauvery, Raghu said that since senior leaders like S.M. Krishna has suggested Nalwadi's name, Nalwadi's name must be given in deference to the wishes of S.M. Krishna and others.

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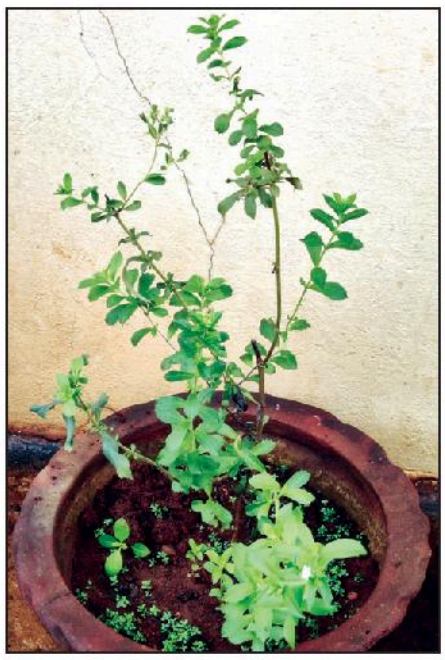

Carbohydrates, the essential macronutrients, are part of our daily diet. All forms, whether simple or complex break down into glucose (aka blood sugar) before being assimilated in to our body. As is well-known their excessive presence in the blood is the cause for many ailments. More often than not it is a challenging task to keep watch on carbohydrates consumption to maintain sugar levels under control for people with diabetes. So also with those with sweet tooth with craving for sugars. Swapping artificial sweeteners may help but not all these sugars are calorie-free. They vary in terms of their impact on blood sugar. Even all the herbal sugars are not safe (e.g. xylitol). What next? Are there any safe sugar substitutes for diabetics. Yes, there are a few,

Monk fruit: Contains mogrosides, a type of antioxidant responsible for the sweet taste.

Stevia: The leaves contain sweet-tasting chemicals known as steviol glycosides.

Erythritol: A sugar alcohol derived from the fermentation of cornstarch or wheat.

My first recommended option is Stevia, which can be grown easily in home gardens. Leaves contain stevioside and rebaudioside (appx. 9.1% and 3.8%, respectively), which are responsible for the sweet taste. Credit goes to M. Bridel and R. Lavielle (1931) for the discovery who isolated these steviol glycosides which are 200 to 300 times or more sweeter than table sugar and non-glycemic. Leaves can be used fresh or dried to sweeten beverages or desserts and can be commercially processed into powdered non-caloric sweeteners, particularly the chemicals stevioside and rebaudioside. Touted as a healthier alternative to sugar, stevia sweeteners grew in popularity worldwide in the early 21st century. Nowadays, sweetener products generically known as stevia are sold under various trade names. Furthermore, they are approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Union, generally recognised as safe (GRAS).

Stevia rebaudiana is commonly known as Candyleaf, Sweetleaf, Sugarleaf, Cheeni-tulsi & Mou-tulasi (Assamese). The plant is native to parts of Brazil and Paraguay. Its use has a long history of more than 1,500 years. Traditionally, the plant was used to sweeten Yerba mate, Paraguay tea or Brazilian tea, a tea-like beverage, popular in many South American countries and it had a number of applications in folk medicine too. Its commercial cultivation began in 1960s and spread to Japan, Southeast Asia and US. It is also cultivated in Nepal and Himalayan regions of India and Assam.

Stevia is a small, erect, slender, perennial herb belonging to the Sunflower family Asteraceae. It grows to a height of 1-2 feet and often 2.5 feet. A rhizomatic plant with a shallow root system; Stem semi-woody, pubescent (hairy); Leaves with a prominent midrib, aromatic, 1 to 1.5 inch long, opposite (lined up against each other), faintly 3-veined with elongated leaf blades (lamina becoming gradually broader from the base, more broader towards the tip/ top end) with crenulated margin above the middle portion meaning the leaf margins are cut into small rounded teeth; Flowers small, white, non-fragrant, tubular, regular, borne in terminal clusters of 2-6 florets; 7-15 mm long, bisexual but self-incompatible; Corolla (petals) 5-6 lobed, with light purple accents; Stamens 5, connective of anthers ending in an oblong appendix; Pistils with 2-lobed style, curved at top; Fruit angular, spindle-shaped, glandulose achene with a crown of pappus of about 20 filiform scabrid setae; contain non-endospermic seeds. The plant flowers generously and in profusion.

PROPAGATION METHODS & PLANTING MATERIAL

It is propagated by seeds, division of suckers, stem cuttings and tissue culture methods. Though the propagation through seeds is economically viable, the seed germination is difficult. Hence, plants are mostly grown from cuttings/ tissue culture methods. Furthermore, propagation through vegetative methods ensure uniform quality of produce. However, the cost of planting material is high.

For propagation from cuttings, mature stems of 10-15 cm length with 4-6 nodes are preferred. Lower leaves are trimmed and the cuttings planted in the seed bed by keeping one node inside the soil. Daily watering is necessary till root formation occurs as high humid conditions favour root development. It takes 10-15 days for roots to develop properly. Planting operations are carried out under partial shade. Well-rooted cuttings (hardened plants) are then transferred to beds filled with soil, sand and FYM mixture (1:1:1 ratio). The recommended spacing is 1.5 ft x 1.5 ft. The transplanted plant saplings need to be watered alternate days or as required to keep the soil moist.

Another easy method is layering — a technique in which roots develop on a stem while it is still attached to the parent plant. Bend a low growing, flexible mature stem to the soil and cover part of the stem with soil, leaving the remaining 6 to 12 inches above the soil. Wounding the lower side of the bent branch by removing a small portion of the skin (bark) may help quick rooting. Keep moist by watering daily. It may take nearly 4-6 weeks for a newly rooted layer to be removed for transplanting by separating it from the mother plant.

USEFUL TIPS

- Stevia is a short-day plant grown under tropical and sub-tropical conditions.
- The plant prefers warm and sunny weather.
- Well drained sandy loamy soil (pH range of 5.0-7.5) & wet humid conditions with reasonably good water holding capacity are favourable for good growth.
- Nutrient management is imperative as moderate level of nutrients are required for higher safe yield and quality. Therefore, organic manures and chemical fertilizers are applied to soil.
- Pinch terminal ends for increased branching and higher leaf production.
- Long day-length is helpful for higher leaf yield while short days promote blooming.
- The flowers are normally trimmed to improve the flavour of the leaves.
- Layering is the best method for multiplication for backyard / home gardening.
- A substitute for sugar Stevia is a non-nutritive sweetener meaning it has almost no calories and do not affect blood glucose levels.
- Safe consumption of steviol glycosides for humans is 4 mg/ kg body weight per day as recommended by JECFA (Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives).
- CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Himachal Pradesh, has standardised agro-technology for commercial production of Stevia. Interested may contact the Institute for standardised package for commercial cultivation.
- Many brands of Stevia products (powders) are available in the market. However, during refining process a few other chemicals may get incorporated. **In my view, the better option is to grow them in your backyard and use.**

TREE FACTS

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Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman asks officials not to evict Pourakarmikas

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&DM)- Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna has asked officials not to evict the 35 Pourakarmika families residing in huts for over three decades at Basavanagudi area in Hebbal.

He was presiding over a meeting of Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB) and Social Welfare Department officials at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Thursday.

Pointing out that the Commission has the responsibility of protecting Pourakarmikas, Shivanna observed that it is not correct on the part of officials to evict the Pourakarmikas all of a sudden. He directed the officials to make alternative arrangements for Hebbal Pourakarmikas before asking them to vacate.

KSDB AEE Ramachandra said that 35 Pourakarmika families have been living in temporarily built sheds in Basavanagudi area coming under Hebbal Survey No. 165 since 1990. These families were allotted houses constructed under JNNURM scheme at Ambedkar Jnanaloka in Metagalli in 2014, where some families moved to later on, he noted.

Continuing, Ramachandra said, the space where temporary sheds are built at Basavanagudi was declared as a slum area. But after a land survey, the said land was found to belong to MUDA, he said adding that the Pourakarmikas there had not vacated their sheds despite the Government providing them houses. As the land belonged to MUDA, the officials were pressurising the Board to get the land vacated. When the officials went to evacuate the occupants, a localite lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta against KSDB itself, Ramachandra maintained.

Noting that there are allegations that some influential persons were planning to grab the Pourakarmikas' land at Basavanagudi, Shivanna directed the Social Welfare Department officials to conduct a probe in this regard and submit a report.

AEE Tejashri said that the KSDB does not have enough funds for maintenance of the Pourakarmika Colony near Highway Circle. Repeated pleas to the MCC to take over the Colony under its control has not yielded any results, she said.

She further said that though the MUDA has sanctioned 1 acre and 6 guntas of land at Kuduremaala for Pourakarmika Group Housing Scheme, the land is yet to be allotted.

Continuing, Tejashri said that the Board was ready to distribute 770 houses at Gandhinagar to beneficiaries, but the Government all of a sudden has withdrawn the allotment and as such the project has been stalled. The Board has distributed 871 houses in the city and 1,306 houses to Pourakarmikas across the district, she added. Shivanna said that he will take up the Gandhinagar Colony issue with Housing Minister V. Somanna and make efforts to get back the allotment.

TP Executive Officer Girish and other officials were present. After the meeting, Shivanna interacted with Pourakarmikas at Hootagalli.

Farmers welcome Rs. 150 hike in sugarcane procurement price

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RKB&DM)- Sugarcane growers have welcomed the Government's decision to hike Sugarcane procurement price at Sugar factories by Rs. 150 per tonne.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here recently, Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar said that the Government's order is a victory of sorts for the growers who were on an indefinite hunger strike for the past 39 days.

Pointing out that the farmers were slightly satisfied with the Rs. 150 hike, Shantakumar said that according to the Government order, Sugar factories have to pay an additional Rs. 100 per tonne on the FRP price of Rs. 3,050 and those factories producing Ethanol - Rs. 150.

He noted that this will enable farmers to get additional revenue of Rs. 950 crore for over 7 crore tones of cane supplies in 2022-23.

Reiterating that the Government has bowed to the indefinite agitation of cane growers, he said that the farmers were demanding the hike to meet rising costs related to sugarcane production, cutting and transportation costs, which were eating into their earnings and thanked Chief Minister Bommai for the hike.

He further said that the Centre should come up with an appropriate FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price) for sugarcane growers, in keeping with rising production costs.

Food officials visit fair price shops to check distribution

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Officials of the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, on Friday paid a surprise visit to several Fair Price Shops (FPS) in city to review the Public Distribution System (PDS).

An official team of the Department checked the FPS for distribution, quantity and quality of ration, grains and other articles supplied by the Union Government under the PDS.

The officials also enquired whether the ration card holders were satisfied with the PDS.

The officials were happy with the feedback that they got from ration card holders, most of whom expressed satisfaction regarding the quality of ration.

The team, comprising Avik Bhattacharya, Rajeev Ranjan and others visited the FPS in Mysuru, T. Narasipur and Nanjangud, during which officials of the State Govt's Food and Civil Supplies Department were present.

BJP SC Morcha leaders inspect houses

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&DM)- BJP National SC Morcha leaders visited Kuduremaala along Bogadi Road on Friday and inspected the houses which are allotted to beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

After the inspection, SC Morcha National General Secretaries Sanjay Nirmal and Dr. Swaraj Vidwan interacted with the beneficiaries and also received a feedback from Ujwala scheme beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Nirmal said that the Union Government led by Prime Minister Modi has come up with several schemes and programmes for the benefit of SC and ST communities.

He pointed out that a good number of houses have been built under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and LPG cylinders are distributed for free under Ujwal scheme across the country.

MLA L. Nagendra said that the BJP SC Morcha National General Secretaries visited Kuduremaala coming under Chamaraja Constituency and interacted with the Housing and Ujwal scheme beneficiaries. Pointing out that Kuduremaala residents have been provided civic amenities, he said that the area will be further developed.

Corporator Vedavathi, party leader Ramesh and others were present during the occasion.

Stone quarry issue

Construction lorry drivers demand Government intervention

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the indefinite stoppage of stone mining and quarrying activities by quarry and crusher owners had severely hurt the livelihood of construction lorry and tipper drivers and labourers, the Mysuru District Lorry and Tipper Drivers Welfare Association has called for Government's intervention to resolve the row and thus enable resumption of stone quarrying and crushing activities, which have been halted for the past 15 days.

Addressing a press meet here recently, Association President N. Rajendra said, construction lorry and tipper drivers and as well as labourers are left jobless as the stone quarry and crusher owners are on an indefinite strike seeking fulfilment of their demands which chiefly included suspension of royalty collection and amendment to Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules (KMMCR)-1994, among others.

Pointing out that M-sand, stones, boulders and other such construction material transporters and loaders and also builders are facing a lot of hardship due to the indefinite strike that commenced on Dec. 21, he said that Government intervention can help in resolving the crisis.

Noting that the Government should look at other legal means for sand mining if the strike continues further, he said that the lorry owners and drivers will be left with no alternative other than returning their licence and vehicle documents to the Government.

WORD OF THE DAY

Espouse

Pronunciation: ih-SPOWZ.
Meaning: Espouse is a formal word that means "to take up and support as a cause." It can also mean "to marry someone."
Origin: As you might guess, the words espouse and spouse are hitched, both coming from the Latin verb spondēre, meaning "to promise" or "to betroth." In fact, the two were once completely interchangeable, with each serving as a noun meaning "a newly married person" or "a husband or wife" and also as a verb meaning "to marry." Their semantic separation began when the noun espouse fell out of use. Nowadays, espouse is most often encountered as a verb used in the figuratively extended sense "to commit to and support as a cause."
Example: "Acclaimed writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was honored with prestigious W.E.B. DuBois Medal from Harvard University. ...After a 3-year hiatus due to pandemic, Harvard relaunched the initiative to continue celebrating ideals and values espoused by DuBois, the first Black person to receive a Ph.D. from the institution." — Rashad Grove

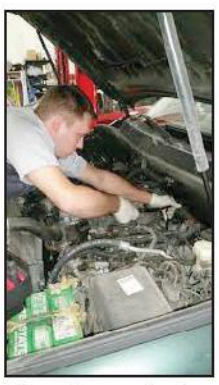
THE ODD WORD

Ecuelle

Two-handled soup or porridge bowl.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Elbow grease



Meaning: Energetic labour.
Origin: It has long been said that the best sort of furniture polish is 'elbow-grease', that is, there is no substitute for hard rubbing to create a lustrous shine. The term itself is older than might be imagined and dates back to at least the 17th century when it was used in print by the English metaphysical poet Andrew Marvell in Rehearsal Transpros'd, 1672: Two or three brawny Fellows in a Corner, with meer Ink and Elbow-grease, do more Harm than an Hundred systematical Divines with their sweaty Preaching. Marvell was suggesting that, although religious meetings could be disrupted or broken up by the speakers' opponents, printed material could be circulated unhindered. Of course, Marvell was alluding to writing when he used the figurative expression 'elbow-grease'. It was also used later in the same century, as it is used now, just to mean sweat or effort. An example of that usage is found in the 1699 A New Dictionary of the Terms Ancient and Modern of the Canting Crew: Elbow-grease, a derisory Term for Sweat.

QUOTE BOX

The wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease.

—Josh Billings

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Trips or trip around the world.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Poisonous snakes
5 Part of sleeve
9 Popular TV technology
12 Whip
13 Samoan Port
14 One, no matter which
15 Approximately or roughly (2,2)
16 Parisian university
18 Place for cooking
20 Limited in short?
21 Young goat
22 Formula
25 Worried about?
28 Naval air station, acronym
29 Incline head
30 Was indebted to
31 Energy
32 Eager or expectant
33 Modern or modify in short
34 Weep
35 Passageway
36 Intoxicated (slang)
38 Animal sanctuary in Gujarat
39 Rumanian coin
40 Root vegetable
44 Singing society (4,4)
47 Lease or rent
48 Scots "own"
49 Lake of Northern Italy
50 Freezer or cooler, colloquially speaking
51 Insecticide, in short
52 Scottish town
53 Destructive insect in the garden, maybe

DOWN

1 Bollywood's and TV's ___ Nath
2 Indian dress
3 Attention-getter
4 Affected with horror or disgust
5 Checked out
6 Atop or over
7 Coniferous tree
8 Stories as told by Aesop?
9 Touchdowns
10 Ted Turner's network
11 It is used to colour a fabric
17 Over the counter, acronym
19 Put or kept out of sight
22 Hit sharply
23 Swimming venue
24 U2 guitarist
25 Search carefully
26 Absent without permission
27 Evocative; reminiscent
28 Pen-point, beak
31 Animal house
32 Zeppelin
34 Plaster wall
35 Atmosphere?
37 ___ off : start a round of golf?
38 West African republic
40 The cougar
41 Kind and good
42 Angers or rages
43 Impudent
44 Flit about
45 Cover
46 Toss slowly

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

S	E	A	R	■	M	A	P	■	B	L	A	B
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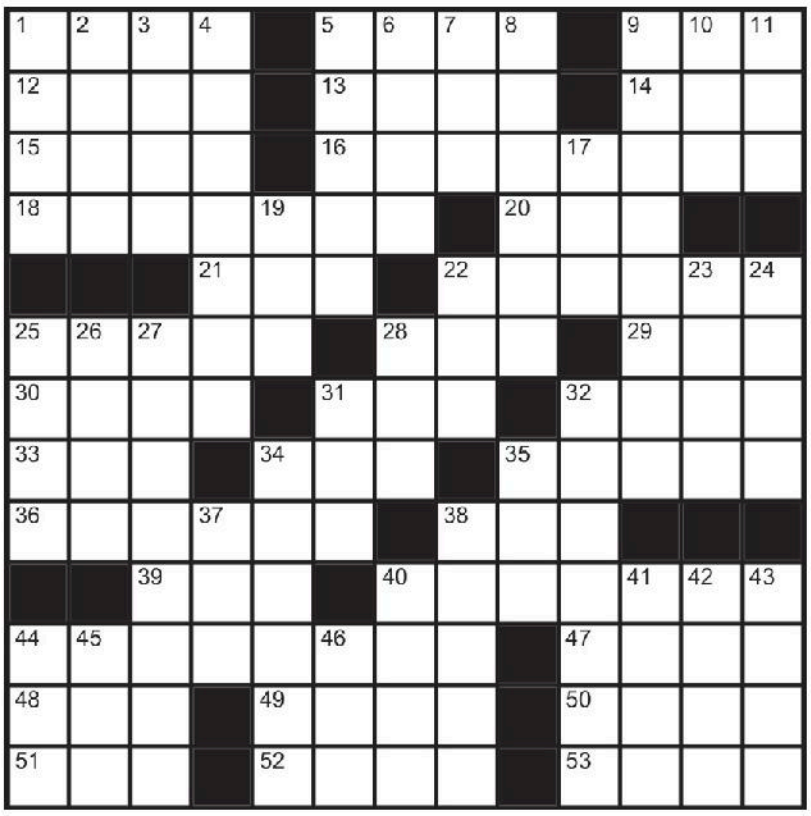

SUDOKU

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	7						3	
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	3						1	
	5		1		6		8	
8			2		5			3
		6				1		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	4	3	7	6	8	1	2
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1	3	6	4	2	8	7	9	5
5	2	8	1	3	4	6	7	9
4	7	3	8	6	9	2	5	1
6	9	1	7	5	2	4	3	8
8	6	5	9	4	3	1	2	7
7	4	2	6	1	5	9	8	3
3	1	9	2	8	7	5	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CILV QSD JVYESTIBG MA DIBGAVCH, TBQ

ZSIIAV DIBG JVYESTIBGSIIN.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS U

Friday's Cryptoquip: The easiest thing in the world to be is you. The most difficult thing to be is what other people want you to be. Don't let them put you in that position.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Spooky College (K) - 4 Shows
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  Kantara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Thugs of Ramaghada (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Spooky College (K)	(S-1)	10.25 am
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Miss Nandini (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
V3 (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Thug of Ramaghada (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Cocktail (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 2.30 pm
		6.10 pm, 9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Vedha (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.20 pm
		4.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Mareyade Kshamisu (K)	:	11.00 am
Avatar: The Way of Water (K-3D)	:	1.00 pm, 4.40 pm
		8.15 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	:	1.00 pm
Miss Nandini (K)	:	4.00 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	4.20 pm, 9:00 pm
Vaishampayana Theera (K)	:	6.30 pm
Cocktail (K)	:	7.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 1.40 pm
		5.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 9.15 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Vedha (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	:	12.45 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	12.50 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Theru (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Once Upon A Time In Jamaligudda (K)	:	3.45 pm
Cocktail (K)	:	6.25 pm
Kantara (K)	:	6.35 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	:	9.45 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	10.15 am, 2.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 10 pm
Vedha (K)	:	11.30 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10, 9.30 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	12.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	:	3.10 pm
Thugs of Ramaghada (K)	:	6.20 pm
Theru (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 8)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **TVS Motor Company Limited:** Karnatak Classical Music Concert by **Vidushis Ranjani-Gayatri Sisters,** accompanied by H.M. Smitha on violin, K. Saigiridhar on mridanga and S. Krishna on ghata, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.** [For free transportation at 4.45 pm, contact Mob: 96866-00263 or 85480-79641]

- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** 67th Anniversary and Award Function in Memory of Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan, conferring of 'Nadabrahma' title on Vid. S. Shankar, conferring of 'Nadakishori' title on Vidu. Ashwini Kolikkaje and Prizes Distribution to the winners of Nadakishorotsava-2022; Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vidwan S. Shankar, accompanied by Vid. R. Achyut Rao on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Aghaharanandaji speaks on 'Swami Brahmanandarondige Swami Vivekanandaru,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Vishwanatha Mirle Children's English Play Festival, staging of play 'Dream Seller' by Gopalaswamy Shishuvhara, 'When Mother Raised the Flag' by Acharya Vidyakula and 'The Preamble' by Arivu Shikshana Samsthe, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.** [Mob: 98451-12667]
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai discourse by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantaraja Urs Road, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai discourse by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamalaraman Mandira, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Devagitam Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Dance recital by renowned dancer Dr. Rohitha Eswer and Chinmayee Bharadwaj in commemoration of H. Yoganarasimham's 125th anniversary, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of Dharamvir Bharati's play 'Andha Yug' (translated to Kannada by Siddalinga Pattanashetty and Tippeswamy), Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Tayiyaguvudendare' by Ranga Hridaya, Hassan, written and enacted by Pooja Raghunandan, directed by Krishnamurthy Kavattar, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 9)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa special pujas, Shattu Murai, Mahamangalarathi, **5 am to 6.30 am;** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, inauguration of Children's Folk Arts Festival, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum Secretary Dr. Kumaraswamy, Hanchipura Gram Panchayat (Saragur taluk) President M. Geetha and SDMC Government Higher Primary School (Gurur) President Chinnaswamy will be present; Mari Kunita, Puja Kunita, Tamasha, Veeragase, Kamsale and Folk Songs by Shaktidhama Vidyashale, Mysuru and Government Higher Primary School, Guru Government High School, Dadadahalli, Saragur taluk, **4.30 pm;** Inauguration of State-level Children's Theatre Festival, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Mayor Shivakumar, BBMP Special Commissioner and CM Secretary Jayaram Rayapura, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, senior theatre director Dr. Sripad Bhat and Rotary International District 3181 Rtn. Prakash Karanth will be present, Sanchalana Mysuru President Deepak Mysore delivers keynote address; Staging of play 'Punyakoti' by Government High School, Dadadahalli village, Saragur taluk (directed by Deepak Mysore); Staging of play 'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi' by Shaktidhama Vidyashale, Mysuru, (written by Kuvempu, music by B.V. Karanth, directed by Deepak Mysore, music direction by Anush Shetty and Munna), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.** [Entry free]
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai discourse by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantaraja Urs Road, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai discourse by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamalaraman Mandira, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 6.50 pm
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Spooky College (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Cocktail (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Thugs of Ramaghada (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Miss Nandini (K)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Bhediya (H-3D)	(S-3)	6.00 pm
Vaishampayana Theera (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am
Love Story 1998 (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm

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Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 8- **S. Shyla** has

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